(c) how many industries have been set up on the basis of these licences and letters of intent; and

(d) what is the time-frame within which these industries are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) A total number of 107 Industrial Licences were sanctioned during the year 1986, 1987 and 1988 for setting up of industries in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Details of the licences including location are being published regularly by the Indian Investment Centre in their 'monthly Newsletter', Copies, of this publication are being sent to the Parliament Library regularly. The information pertaining to cost estimates/invesment of industries is not being centrally maintained.

(c) and (d) The monitoring of the progress of implementation of letters of intent/industrial licences is done by the concerned State Government and the Ministry/Department administratively concerned with the industry in question in the Central Government. Under the existing procedure, a letter of intent is granted for an initial period of three years to enable the entrepreneur to take effective steps towards the implementation of the project. After the entrepreneur has fulfilled all the conditions of the letter of intent, the same is converted into an industrial licence.

The initial validity period of the industrial licence is two years within which the licensee is expected to commence commercial production. Extension(s) in the validity period of the Industrial Licence are granted on merits. It generally takes about four to five years for an industrial project to fructify. Gestation period however, varies from industry to industry. As such the above industrial licences would be at various stages of implementation.

Shortage of life saving drugs in the capital

1421. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an acute shortage of life saving drugs in the capital at present;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the names of the drugs which are in short supply in the capital; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to make available these life saving drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): (a) to (d) This Ministry regularly monitors the availability of life saving drugs, based on periodical reports of State Drug Controllers. As per information available there is no acute shortage of life saving drugs in the capital except 'Blood products derived from human blood'. Shortages reported are of branded nature and temporary. Telegrams have been sent to the concerned companies to rush stocks under intimation to this Ministry. Regarding shortage of 'blood products derived from human blood', the matter is under consideration with the Office of DC(I), as its manufacturing was suspended due to possibilities of positive AIDS viruses.

Setting up of industries in Nalgonda, Nizamabad and Karimnagar districts of Andhra Pradesh

1422. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up more industries in Nalgonda, Nizamabad and Karimnagar districts of Andhra Pradesh;